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PASS DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, MINING ENGINEERING AND
SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

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TAGS: ELAB, EMIN, OTRA, UK

SUBJECT: VISIT OF MINING EXPERT: MR. CLOYD MCDOWELL

REF: STATE 153195

1. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FROM INTERIOR DEPARTMENT'S
MINING ENGINEERING AND SAFETY ADMINISTRATION, EMBASSY
ARRANGED APPOINTMENTS BETWEEN JULY 8 AND 13 FOR
MR. CLOYD MCDOWELL, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL INDEPENDENT
COAL OPERATOR'S ASSOCIATION, WITH OFFICIALS OF THE
NATIONAL COAL BOARD (NCB) AND THE HEALTH AND SAFETY

EXECUTIVE OF HM INSPECTORATE OF MINES AND QUARRIES.
THESE APPOINTMENTS WERE MADE WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE
VISITORS SECTION OF THE NCB AND THE OVERSEAS DIVISION OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND COVERED ALL SUBJECTS
IN WHICH MCDOWELL WAS PRIMARILY INTERESTED (REFTEL).

2. UNFORTUNATELY, MCDOWELL DID NOT CONTACT THE EMBASSY
ON HIS ARRIVAL IN LONDON AND DID NOT REGISTER AT THE
CROWN AND MITRE HOTEL AS INDICATED REFTTEL. EMBASSY WAS
UNABLE TO LOCATE MCDOWELL AND INFORM HIM OF THE APPOINT-
MENTS ARRANGED AND THEREFORE WAS FORCED TO CANCEL THE
PROGRAM AT THE LAST MOMENT.

3. EMBASSY HAS SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNT THAT MCDOWELL MADE
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HIS OWN ARRANGEMENT TO VISIT NCB HEADQUARTERS ON THURSDAY

JULY 8. ALSO THAT HE WAS REGISTERED AT THE ST. ERMIN'S
HOTEL, LONDON, AND CHECKED OUT ON THE MORNING OF JULY 12.

4. EMBASSY WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF OFFICIALS, WHO HAVE
ASKED FOR EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS,

COULD BE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY
UPON ARRIVAL IN LONDON AND ALSO TO INFORM THE EMBASSY
IF THEY ARE UNABLE TO CARRY OUT THE APPOINTMENTS
ARRANGED FOR THEM OR IF THEY HAVE MADE THEIR OWN ARRANGE-
MENTS.

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